



June 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Marrick Priory Away Weekend for Years 8-13. Friday 26 September – Sunday 28 September 2025

Following the success of our previous visits to Marrick Priory, we are delighted to offer a similar weekend at the end of September 2025. Marrick Priory is an outdoor centre set in beautiful countryside with a unique atmosphere. The weekend will be an opportunity to engage in a range of activities and to look at God's world and our place in it.

As well as enjoying some of the diverse outdoor activities provided by qualified staff at Marrick Priory such as climbing, kayaking and a night walk, we will take time to explore the Christian faith through games, music, prayer, and creative worship. This year, we will be joined by Matt Davies, Youth Pastor at Holy Trinity church in Ripon, who will be encouraging our young people to think about what it means for them to be a person of faith in today's world. Matt is also a musician and keen to encourage anyone who'd like to be involved in leading music for worship to join in.

An invitation to take part is extended to all students who wish to explore some big life questions as well as having a lot of fun and meeting pupils from other year groups.

The cost of the weekend is dependent on numbers; however, we estimate the price to be approximately £200.00-£250.00, which will include coach hire, full board accommodation and all activities.

How to Reserve a Place

If your child would like to apply for a place on the trip the consent form will open at 5pm on Monday 30 June 2025 and close at 12 Noon on Tuesday 8 July. **The sign up form can be accessed [HERE](#)**

Please note places on this trip are not allocated on a first come-first served basis; if the online form is completed by 12 Noon on Tuesday 8 July 2025, all students will have an equal chance of being selected for the trip. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by members of the Senior Leadership Team using a random generator. A waiting list will then be created for any student who is unsuccessful at this stage. We will notify all students who have shown interest in the trip and confirm if they have a place or have been put on a waiting list by Friday 11 July 2025.

When your place has been confirmed the item will appear on Arbor Pay and we will require a **non-refundable deposit of £100.00 by Monday 14 July 2025**. Payment for the trip should be made via Arbor Pay and by making a payment you are agreeing to your child taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that your child's medical details are up to date.

The final trip price will be confirmed prior to the second and final non-refundable payment of £150.00 (approximately) which will be due no later than Monday 15 September 2025.

Important financial information

Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after Monday 14 July 2025, you will be required to pay the cancellation charges of the trip imposed on us by Marrick Priory if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. For that reason, we ask that you take the time to discuss the trip in detail with your son or daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.

Medical Information

For us to care for your child correctly on the trip, the information that we hold at school must be up to date. If your child's school record needs updating please log into your Arbor app and make any necessary updates or alternatively contact the school nurse on medicalroom@staidans.co.uk.

Insurance

This trip is covered by our school insurance policy.

Behaviour

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. To participate in any trip, the school staff must be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

After the deadline date, the Trip Leader, Heads of Year and Senior Staff will look at the behaviour, attendance and wellbeing of all pupils who have registered on the trip to decide whether they are able to cope with these demands. If we decide the Marrick Priory trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and we will return deposits in this case.

As places are strictly limited, I would encourage interested students to respond as soon as possible. Further information will follow, however in the meantime if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mrs Goold, the Trips Administrator, trips@staidans.co.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs E Shores
Lay Chaplain